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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I believe that the Department of Justice was justified in filing this lawsuit against Microsoft. I support the settlement that the Justice Department has proposed and think that any other action, is just Microsoft's competitors looking for judicial remedies for what they can't obtain the free market!

As far as the nine remaining states action, there has been no loss to consumers as a part of Microsoft's actions. Microsoft sells in volume and at non monopolist prices. Just look at what its competitors charge for an operating system, Sun and Apple. In fact, it is Microsoft's products that have been the biggest contributor to productivity gains in the US economy in the last five years.

I hope that the settlement will be sustained during this public comment period, and that there will be no further federal action against Microsoft, or any other American company.

Sincerely,
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